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Continuing students sue McGill

by Carl Wilson

After over a year of harassment and legal attacks from McGill, Continuing Education students are fighting back on the University's own terms.

Ronald Charbonneau, a lawyer for the Cont Ed association (MACES), gave notice to the University in January that if the Administration had not paid MACES nearly \$140 thousand by January 20, MACES would lodge a Class Action suit against McGill. The University has not paid the sum, and the suit is proceeding.

The cash figure includes tens of thousands of dollars in lost revenues and frozen or seized assets, money MACES claims McGill took from the association during their dispute. It also includes \$50 000 for "damages to the reputation of MACES Inc. caused by McGill University."

According to current MACES president Jim Osborne, "We've come to a deadlock. We went to the University and its lawyers to negotiate, and Sam Kingdon (VP Physical Plant) told us, 'Close your bar or there'll be no further discussions.'"

The University ordered MACES to close its bar on Peel Street last month because of noise complaints. But when McGill challenged the Cont Ed association's liquor license at the Régie d'Alcool last year, the bar was given a clean bill of health, Osborne said.

McGill put MACES in trusteeship last Winter, but has since approved the results of the MACES audit its terms required. If Osborne's claim that the University is still withholding MACES funds is correct, the reasons are unclear.

McGill has launched a total of five suits against MACES in the past year. Besides the alcohol case, McGill filed a suit last month to evict MACES because the association refused to close its bar.

It has also launched two suits related to a neighbour who sold the MACES building to McGill on the condition it be used for academic or administrative purposes and is now suing the University for \$100 000 for granting that building to a student association.

And finally, McGill has put forward what Osborne called the "McGill sues the world" case, filed against MACES, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Education's 'agent' and the Solicitor-General of Québec over the 'accreditation' law.

The accreditation law passed by Québec last Spring allows incorporated student unions to register with the government, requiring post-secondary institutions to forward student association fees directly to those groups.

MACES has been recognized under this law, and other McGill associations intend to apply. The University wants the section on fees repealed by the courts.

McGill: Students' big daddy?

Osborne said the MACES suit is a necessary response to "the University's way of doing things."

Both Osborne and incoming president Fadel Behmann suggested the suit, based on a mandate from last year's MACES council for court action in event of an impasse, was a necessary response to University paternalism.

Behmann said the association's attempt

over the past two or three years to put Continuing Education students' services on the Administration's agenda for the first time has caused a backlash.

"Their position is, 'Do as we say', and that is not the position of a student group representing 15 000 students," Osborne emphasized. Continuing Education students make up about a third of McGill's population.

Osborne did not explain a motion he made to MACES council February 2 to close the disputed bar, but observers speculated he was attempting to create room to negotiate with McGill. (Osborne was nearly impeached for the suggestion, which was voted down, eleven to one.)

But other students suggest MACES is falling into McGill's trap by taking the University to court.

"MACES has really pursued the red tape method, and has found itself strangled in it," commented Debbie Pentesco, McGill Students' Society VP University Affairs. "Other student groups are being pulled in," she added.

"How is challenging accreditation going to affect the Engineering students or Stu-

dents' Society, or the general autonomy of student groups?" Pentesco asked.

Behmann, recently acclaimed as next year's MACES president, agreed with Pentesco's concerns. "What with McGill's deficit and need to become more modern, and MACES' limited resources, why should we have to go to court?" he said.

"If we had a modern way of talking instead of saying, 'I'm the parent, you're the child,' we could resolve these issues. But everything has to be equal. No pre-conditions on negotiation," Behmann clarified.

Penteco said, "It's a little bothersome the University doesn't take a more productive view on these things. Everything's behind closed doors. They want us to solve graduate autonomy on our own, but they'll intervene to do this."

Sam Kingdon and other University representatives did not return the Daily's calls, leaving open many questions about the MACES negotiations, the frozen assets, the University's suits, accreditation, the financial costs of the legal wrangles, and the grounds of the ongoing dispute.



It's a bird, it's a plane, it's graduate autonomy

Michael Temelini and Deborah Pentesco agree at last. An accord supported by Students' Society and the Post-Graduate Students' Society recognizes the autonomy of the graduate students. The agreement is subject to ratification in next week's referendum. See story, page 5

Mohawks complain of 'police state'

by Alex Roslin

The future of provincial authorities' attitudes towards First Nations is "ominous," if a confidential police report leaked to *La Presse* last weekend is any indication, according to Dale Dion of the Mohawk Nation office at Kahnawake.

Anyone who drives through the Kahnawake reserve these days is likely to pass at least half a dozen SQ (Sûreté du Québec) and RCMP squad cars, always travelling in pairs.

The situation is explosive, Dion said. "They're running the place like a police state."

The SQ report expressed concern that the police may not have enough heavy weaponry in the event of future confrontations with First Nations communities.

Dion said the SQ is preparing the public for the imminent purchase of battle tanks from the U.S. army.

"The SQ wants to scare people into thinking Native people are savages. Meanwhile they're the ones with the racist taunts and the constant harassment," she said.

The SQ and RCMP are systematically violating human rights, according to Ron Abaira, director of the Kahnawake Economic Development Group.

Federal and provincial police give out traffic tickets for under-inflated tires or inadequate levels of windshield washer fluid, and have allegedly harassed non-Natives who come to shop at Kahnawake stores, said Abaira. Some Mohawks have reportedly been beaten in police custody.

Last week, Kahnawake band chief Joe Norton estimated there had been 200 to 400 rights violations since October, a figure Dion said was low. "People are so accustomed to being treated like shit, they don't bother reporting it anymore," she said.

Abaira said police harassment is costing about 50 businesses almost three-quarters of their clientele.

The SQ's "deliberate policy of slowing the economy" has dealt an immense blow to the already-fragile economy of Kahnawake, he said. "The total loss is in the millions."

Mohawk Peacekeepers, drawn from First Nations' people, are supposed to have police jurisdiction over Mohawk territory. The SQ and RCMP assumed the task of policing the area around Kahnawake last October, when Mohawks ended a two-month blockade of the Mercier bridge.

Said Dion, "The police are being told to do this. They're uneducated as to who Native people are, and they can't accept the fact that the Mohawks are a nation. There's tremendous resistance to allowing us to police ourselves."

Norton has announced the formation of a human-rights watch, which started maintaining permanent observers at Kahnawake last weekend. The watch is composed of New Democratic parliamentarians, church activists and civil rights workers.

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"We want to express our culture and get Non-Native people to see Native people differently," says Adrey Debassig, tour co-ordinator for De-Ba-Jeh-Mu-Jig Theatre Group.

The First Nations Theatre Group will be at McGill presenting a one-act play, by Drew Hayden-Taylor *Toronto at Dreamer's Rock*, this afternoon.

Dreamer's Rock is one table and

two adjacent boxes, neon silver and splashes of spray-painted colour. It's also where members of the Odawa Nation go for vision quests. And Toronto doesn't mean that

big city. It's an Odawa word which means "meeting place."

Rusty, a 16 year old member of the Odawa Nation jumps onto Dreamer's Rock, toting a walkman in one hand and a backpack full of beer in the other.

Rusty is part of a generation of First Nations youth who live in invaded Nations. Rusty is confronting the erosion of his culture, "I don't know whether I should go to the sweatlodge, or the liquor store."

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Student papers hard-pressed for freedom

by Stephanie Conway

Across Canada, the autonomy of student press is being challenged by student councils and other interest groups.

Papers in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland are among the many facing threats to editorial control.

The *Lexicon* at the Norman Bethune College of York University may be shut down by their college council at the end of the month.

The council wants to retain control over the paper's editorial board. A recent constitutional amendment allowing the paper's staff to elect its own editor was defeated unanimously by council.

In the past this right has always

been recognized although it was not in the constitution, according to editor Cindy Reeves.

"They have no belief in staff autonomy, they think they can bring in any new editor and nothing will change," said Reeves.

The *Lexicon* is now seeking support from other student papers and community groups.

Censored

Coverage of sex and sexuality are among the most controversial issues covered by student papers.

The *Gazette* at Dalhousie University, faced hostile responses after reprinting an erotic guide to safe sex two weeks ago.

The article, originally published by *The Muse* at Memorial Univer-

sity in St. John's, provoked national media attention after the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary threatened to charge the paper with corruption of morals.

Canadian University Press lawyer Brian Adler sent a fax of support to the paper saying the article should be accepted on precedence and that it is not obscene.

Now *The Gazette* is facing its campus foes. Soon after the safe sex article was published, all of the issues on campus disappeared, editor Allison Johnston said.

According to production manager Jane Hamilton, Phi Kappa Pi fraternity has distributed posters on campus announcing a "Nuke the *Gazette*" party.

"The frats have called advertisers to try to convince them to pull out their ads," said Johnston.

The Gazette also met with a hostile student council last Sunday

where two motions were made to withdraw the paper's funding. The motions were defeated after some debate.

According to Johnston, "the council said it had nothing to do with the paper's content, but we don't believe that."

Also in Halifax, the King's college paper, *The Watch*, was censored by the same printing company *The Gazette* uses, said staff member Molly McCarron.

A blank space with "censored" written on it appeared in the paper where the safe sex article was supposed to be, McCarron said. "The printers said they consulted their lawyers who advised them not to run it to prevent problems with the RCMP."

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

by Peter Clibbon

Montreal city council opened last Monday to the sight of striking blue collar workers floating enormous blue balloons with their union's demands hanging below. The union was protesting the lack of progress in negotiations between the city and its municipal employees.

Montréal-Casino Royale?

Mayor Jean Doré said he would not oppose gambling casinos setting up shop in Montréal as long as they are government controlled. The Québec Ministry of Tourism has proposed legalizing gambling to attract tourists and to fill government coffers. Responding to whether the city could tolerate the immorality and crime associated with gambling casinos, Doré told the *Gazette* he had "no problem with casinos" and that a public-controlled casino would avoid large scale crime and corruption.

City Bans Strip-Joint Displays

City Council passed the first draft of legislation that would ban the use of bodies on the displays of sex-exploitive businesses. Under the new legislation, strip-clubs and sex shops would not be allowed to exploit human bodies on exterior displays or on anything which can be viewed from the street.

The legislation was initiated by City Council Executive Léa Cousineau who said the new law "would provide a more healthy environment for women and children." By the city's estimates, over 150 businesses will be obliged to change their exterior displays.

The motion was unanimously accepted, but a coalition of strip-club owners say they will challenge the legislation on the grounds of freedom of expression.

The legislation should take effect in April with only a few minor changes.

Opposition Questions Land Deal

Democratic Coalition councillor Marvin Rotrand grilled MCM Executive member André Lavallée on a \$10 million dollar loan to the city's housing corporation. The loan would help the para-municipal SHDM in its purchase of the Blue Bonnets horse race tracks in the city's west end.

"The city didn't provide any information about the loan and the land purchase was done very quietly. \$10 million dollars were passed, and this is the first and only time we'll have to discuss it," said Rotrand.

Doré denied the land will be used for a shopping centre megaproject like West Edmonton Mall.

"The land is for long term development, which doesn't exclude some sort of commercial development," said Doré.

City Opposes Federal Militarism

All city councillors voted to denounced the federal government's inability to produce legislation to ban the sale of certain military and para-military weapons.

Two weeks ago a parliamentary sub-committee, containing conservatives from mostly rural regions, quashed anti-gun proposals made by Justice Minister Kim Campbell.

"The conservatives backed away from their own bill by giving this task to the sub-committee last June. Basically they submitted to the gun lobby," said Democratic Coalition Councillor Marvin Rotrand.

Immigrants lack housing

by Kim Hershorn

If Québec is going to encourage immigration it better put roofs over the heads of new Canadians, says Martin Ore.

"There are already enough problems housing the 35 000 existing immigrants, how can Québec handle 20 000 more?" said Ore of the Regroupement des Organismes du Montréal Éthnique pour le Logement (ROMEL).

One fourth of Montréal housing is occupied by immigrants. Half of these are from Latin America and the Caribbean and a quarter are from Asia.

But many groups of new arrivals face discrimination from landlords. Visible minorities and single-parent immigrant families led by women are especially vulnerable.

"People are faced with a huge problem in finding housing when they come to Québec because no

structure exists for the housing of new arrivals," said Ore.

According to David Faguy of the community group Project Genesis, landlords can refuse any potential tenant and often demand personal information before signing a lease.

"There is a hole in the system where there is no legislation regulating landlords in pre-lease arrangements," said Faguy.

Immigrants are also restricted by inadequate social housing and limited accessibility. Existing social housing programs fail to meet specific needs of certain minority groups, especially the housing needs of large families, said Ore.

Ore said high concentrations of immigrant housing in low-income areas of the city intensifies the alienation new Canadians face. The situation is exacerbated because immigrants are unfamiliar with political processes in Canada and

can't easily lobby for themselves.

ROMEL, which acts as a resource centre and a go-between with government, is calling for the establishment of multi-cultural housing cooperatives.

"The problem of integration is dealt with by the Québec government through cultural exchanges, but as an immigrant, learning French is not the most important thing," said Ore.

"Before anything else an immigrant wants to find a place to live. Integration begins when we can live comfortably and not feel intimidated and inhibited by our particular conditions," said Ore.

ROMEL will hold a forum on March 15 to discuss the impact of existing immigrant housing programs and their accessibility.

The Forum will be held at 5829 Cote des Neiges at the Ancienne Synagogue at 9h. For more information call ROMEL at 341-1057.

No go on McGill dough

by Joel Harrison

Hopes rose at McGill last week after provincial education minister Lucienne Robillard suggested McGill might soon see \$6 million promised to the University.

But on Friday, Robillard told universities that a previously announced \$10 million grant to Québec's four most underfunded universities would have to wait for her confirmation, pending financial review.

Robillard had originally insinuated that the decision would be finalized last week. She made that statement at a meeting of the Fédération des Étudiants Universitaires du Québec (FEUQ) Feb. 25.

According to McGill VP Finance François Tavenas, that promise may have been "too strong."

Tavenas said the decision was supposed to remain confidential

and that informing student groups of the proposal ruined that confidentiality.

But FEUQ president Nicolas Plourde said he had no doubts about the Minister's intentions.

"The question of 'if' the money will come has already been answered," he said, adding that it was just a matter of when universities would see it.

On the other hand, Students' Society President Kate Morisset said Robillard's indecision was no surprise. "It is easy for the government to back down," she said.

Morisset also said the University may look to students to make up the money if it is not given by the government.

Meanwhile the University is going ahead with plans to slash next year's budget by \$6 million, raise student and parking fees, and restrict faculty pay incentives.

Although Morisset suggested a

yes from the Minister might ease these cuts, Tavenas said McGill will be tightening its belt no matter what.

Both Morisset and administrators said McGill's \$78 million deficit can partially be attributed to the government. They blame Québec's regular underfunding of the university since 1984 for the debt.

McGill Principal David Johnston said he expects a decision to be handed down by mid-April.

Johnston has met with Robillard since January, but Tavenas said details of their meeting cannot be disclosed. He revealed, though, that a broad outline of the 1991-92 provincial budget was presented by the Minister.

"The government is following regular budget exercises," he said cryptically.

The Minister was not available for comment yesterday.

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LETTERS

A Gulf blast from McGill's past

The Gulf issue flashed across the sky of 1990-91 after only a hazy warning, shattering our senses, blasting history and local concerns away.

Fuel Air Explosives, often described as the next worst thing to a nuclear bomb, have much the same effect — except they don't just blast through brains, they blast away bodies. The explosives were a chillingly appropriate part of the 'coalition' arsenal in the Gulf.

The technology behind this simile, though it's been hard to recall in all the sound and fury, was developed at McGill throughout the 1980s.

Fuel Air Explosives (FAEs) were first used in the Vietnam War, scattering "hundreds and perhaps thousands of enemy corpses" across battlefields. But they weren't as effective as they could have been, because the detonation method and the size of the vapour cloud that precedes the compression-wave explosion weren't 'perfected'.

Perfection, it seems, was left up to our own Mechanical Engineering professors Roman Knystauskus and John H. Lee, whose research (unearthed by the *Daily* in 1984) evinced interest in "the potential destruction that can be caused by a fuel-air explosive."

Their work was funded by various parts of the Canadian and American military. The U.S. Air Force, for example, granted the professors at least \$148 000 over eight years.

Despite several years of resistance by thousands of McGill students, including a highly-publicized occupation of the Administration building in 1987, Knystauskus and Lee were allowed to continue researching death machines until the contracts ran out.

In the skies over the Gulf, as any attentive news listener would know, the Air Force got its money's worth. Though the Pentagon won't tell exactly how FAEs were employed, they confirm their use. And FAEs are not defensive weapons.

All the University's lovely arguments about 'academic freedom', 'industrial uses' and 'objective theoretical inquiry' were vaporized in that first blast over the desert. But whatever carnage was left behind spelt out out the truth, in letters we weren't allowed to read.

Students should force the University to account for FAEs. And also for ex-McGill prof Gerald Bull's role in helping arm then-ally Saddam Hussein.

But McGill, whether for cash or for credit, is designed to nurture such projects. Information and decision-making power are withheld from students and the local community, thus safeguarding prestige and profit. This arrangement is a microcosm of the one that waged the war.

To the extent that the 'peace' movement here can now continue its work, McGill's role should be addressed. This winter's experiences show how easily we're made to forget what's nearest, so a few clever shysters can make a killing.

Carl Wilson
Susana Béjar

To the Daily

With reference to the Feb. 13 Hyde Park on Israeli plans to conduct mass deportations of Palestinians, it should be very clear that our concerns about Israeli policies arise from comments made by Israeli politicians themselves. The possibility of mass expulsions is not a "pamphlet myth," as the Progressive Zionist Caucus suggests in a response in the *Daily* (Feb. 27).

I would like to suggest for my friends in the P.Z.C. that should they want to know more about 'transfer' and its popularity among Israeli politicians, I will be more than happy to supply them with piles of shocking information.

I find it alarming that individuals, claiming to actively follow Israeli politics, missed the recent discussion of 'transfer' in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. If I might quote here what Ariel Sharon, minister of Housing, said in that discussion: "It will be too expensive to transfer the Palestinians, so I suggest that the rich Arab countries pay for these expenses."

Transferring the Palestinians will be a disaster for the Middle East. The chances for a durable peace will only be further undermined, and certainly, the P.Z.C.'s apparent wish to ignore the very existence of the discussions in the Knesset only distances all concerned peoples from dealing with the issue and taking action.

As a Palestinian from the West Bank who has lost many friends and relatives as a result of the Israeli occupation of my homeland, I will reiterate that we, as Palestinians, want peace. I'm also willing to sit down and discuss these issues with any Israeli face to face. I'm willing to forgive the Israelis for all the repression and brutality that we have suffered. I want peace, and I'm not afraid of the consequences of my statements.

I might suggest a roundtable under the auspices of the *McGill Daily*, for instance. I urge you to come and participate with good will.

Abdul-Malik Al-Jabir
General Union
of Palestinian Students
McGill Palestine
Solidarity Committee

To the Daily:

Regarding Nyla Jean Matuk's letter of March 4, I must comment that the weakness of sarcasm lies in the fact that it is easy for feeble minds to misquote and twist the author's words. Alas, because I chose to use sarcasm, I have fallen victim to one of these.

David J. Felsen
Science U2

To the Daily:

I have apologized for calling META 'racist'.

I admit to the purchase of 5 samosas from META, in recognition of META's work in supplying free documents I needed in order to understand their movement.

Many of these documents come from the larger organization PETA. PETA's co-director Ingrid Newkirk has been quoted as saying: "Six million Jews died in concentration camps, but six billion broiler chickens will die this year in slaughterhouses." No comment.

The Native/Animal Brotherhood represents Native people opposed to trapping. The Aboriginal Trappers Federation of Canada (ATFC) represents Native people who see trapping as an integral part of their culture and livelihood. Who should we turn to? The First Nations governments themselves.

The Inuit Tapirisat of Canada has publically protested against the impact of anti-fur campaigns. Ms. Ruchon, being part Inuk, would be interested to know that seal meat retains a vital role in modern Inuit nutrition but the animal-rights inspired 1983 European ban on sealskin exports have made the skins virtually worthless. The meat is still needed, but many of the skins are discarded, and many hunters can no longer afford life off the land.

The Assembly of First Nations has also struggled against animal rights groups and referred me to the ATFC and the Grand Council of the Crees of Québec (GCCQ) as experienced advocates of native harvesting rights.

ATFC's Bob Stevenson: "Attacks on hunting, trapping and the sale of furs by so-called 'animal-rights' activists reveals their ignorance or their

disregard for the culture and values of other people."

GCCQ's Willie Iserhoff: "Food, clothing and income derived from the fur trade has been, and continues to be, of great economic, social and cultural importance for the Cree people and for the many aboriginal peoples across the land."

Mark Saul
Nursing, U2

To the Daily:

Rabbi Reuben Shonim's comment (February 27) that Zionists in Canada are more extreme than those in Israel was interesting in light of the attempts in the same issue of the *Daily* to argue that Israeli plans to 'transfer' Palestinians en masse to Jordan are not genocidal.

I was amazed at the 'Progressive Zionist Caucus's reasoning that to use the word "holocaust" to describe what Palestinians face, is a "hate-conceived half-truth" and a "pamphlet myth". This is, I am sure, the first time anybody has described, in the many letters to the *Daily* on the war, the 'transfer' program as not being the most insane, racist, genocidal thing that could happen to the Palestines. A new step. Bravo, you Labour Party supporters, little different from the supporters of Yitzhak Shamir, as we now see. How do you imagine — or does Shamir imagine — 'transfer' would proceed? Do you think the Palestinians, with nothing more left to lose, will go peacefully? It will be very bloody, bloodier than the so-called 'reprisals' against Palestinians taking place, as we bicker in the *Daily*, today in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

And for those who still think criticizing Israel is anti-Semitic, is it racist against the Saudis to criticize the government of Saudi Arabia? If so, in the case of Canada, who would we be racist against? Anglophones or francophones? Or maybe First Nations peoples?

Alana Kasser

To the Daily:

Hello!

I don't like either Saddam Hussein or George Bush.

I think it is absolutely okay when Jan W. Weryho expresses his strong dislike of America. We have got freedom of speech.

There are only two things I would like to add:

1. Animals can't be brutal. Whatever they do is only to survive, is us who label them brutal when we maybe dislike their carnivorous diet.

2. In labeling America as "the new Nazi Germany", he shows that he knows nothing about fascism is Germany, except that there were Nazis (and still are) and a Holocaust.

When I see the hate in that letter, I really wonder what "resist by all means" means, and where that is leading to.

Dirk Meck
Ph.D.

HYDE PARK

Opinion by the McGill Palestine Solidarity Committee:

While we tend to agree with the Progressive Zionist Caucus that any solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict must be based upon the legitimate national rights, and we stress *legitimate*, of both Palestinians and Jewish claims to Palestine, we find it extremely difficult to believe their sincerity about "real communication [taking] place face to face."

What has made talking difficult is not, as the P.Z.C. claims, the climate of war, but indeed it is the constant expansionist policies and slogans pursued and proclaimed all along Israel's history. To mention but a few: in an address to the students at the Hebrew University in 1950, David Ben-Gurion (to many the exemplary Zionist, founder of the State of Israel and its prime minister), stated: "You have to strive ardently by conquest or diplomacy, to establish the Israeli Empire, which must cover the whole territory from the Nile to the Euphrates."

Only one month ago, Yitzhak Shamir appointed a new Zionist minister Rahbaam Zeafy to his cabinet, who wholeheartedly believes that the solution of the Palestinian problem is to kick all the Palestinians out of their homeland and into any of the other 21 Arab countries. Talking of the language of "confused hate," the term used so freely by the P.Z.C. to denounce discussion of 'transfer'.

Let us first see a public denunciation of all such despicable actions and

statements and then "real communication" can have a chance. As for the word "Holocaust," according to the Oxford dictionary, it means "wholesale sacrifice and destruction especially by fire." The Palestinians, true, have not lost 6 million of their people, nor have they been gassed. But by God, they have suffered destruction, and their sacrifices number in the tens of thousands. Those left stateless, who now live in miserable conditions, number in the millions, all across the world.

The Israelis have even set up internment camps in the middle of the desert, where prisoners have to endure unbelievable hardships. Yes, the Palestinians are suffering a Holocaust, only to take a turn for the worse if there is 'transfer' (that is, another transfer). As for "genocide," it has been the aim of the Israeli occupying forces, ever since the establishment of Israel on the myth of "a land without people (Palestine) and a people without land," to portray the Palestinians as refugees and rob them of their statehood.

For peace to have a chance, Israel must recognize the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Israel's position on this is decisive. Considering the Israeli intransigence toward working with willing Palestinians toward a peaceful solution, which has only increased following the murderous war against Iraq, what is the P.Z.C. doing apologizing for this intransigence and denying the horror Palestinians endure.

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Grads meet success on the road to secession

After years of negotiation, the post-graduate students society (PGSS) and Students' Society (SSMU) reached an agreement for student approval at referendum.

PGSS President Michael Temelini and SSMU VP university affairs Deborah Pentesco emerged from their negotiations on the same side of the issue.

Both parties spoke to the Daily about the agreement, about the future and about working together for a yes vote next week..

by Kathleen Hickey

Daily: What are the best features of this agreement?

Michael Temelini: I think what we like about this agreement is that there are a number of clauses we think are a more accurate description of graduate student participation and use of services in the SSMU and that's fine, that's all we were asking for.

I'm happy that we figured out an amount of money that everyone likes, too (graduate students will pay the SSMU about 45 per cent of what undergrads do). That was tough.

Deborah Pentesco: That's the key thing. We have to also make sure that those groups and services and activities can maintain their stature and the quality of services so we can run an appropriate sexual assault awareness week, and help support things like that properly.

An increase in SSMU membership fees doesn't play into it at all. That was never a consideration. This has been dealt with without trying to realize any effect on any of the groups vis a vis their finances or vis a vis their membership.

If anything, this agreement may allow both groups to focus a little more time on political things and be more effective as a student movement. The PGSS were concerned about that too. They don't want the groups to go down or the services they provide to suffer. And it all interrelates, it's not a matter of just looking at a bottom line, it's watching the whole interaction take place.

What has lead up to this letter of agreement between the PGSS and the SSMU?

T: There are things that happened even before we signed the agreement that I think are really important and make this year really significant. First of all, SSMU recognized that grads have the right to end membership in SSMU and that's never been agreed on before. That in itself is a wonderful accomplishment for both sides.

P: Making it clear that it's not really saying, "Oh, you're finally autonomous", because in essence we all know that any student organization that is a member of SSMU is autonomous. For too long that word has carried itself over. But Michael chooses his words correctly when he says that both groups have agreed, in the interest of different interests.

T: That's really important. It is a wonderful accomplishment that we've recognized the virtues of having a new structure. Because a lot of times in the past the two groups couldn't even come to an agreement on talking about these issues.

P: That's true.

T: That's something that SSMU said they were committed to and they were. Then the second thing is they said if we sign the letter than they'll send it to a campus wide referendum, and that's never been agreed to before either. We've never heard an SSMU council even consider doing that in the past. Then the third step was actually signing the agreement. I'm amazed that we could agree and came to

a decision, and that we worked it out ourselves.

P: I think what Michael is referring to is in the past they've gone to Senate, the PGSS has tried to bring motions to council and council has refused them, they tried to sign a letter of agreement between executives behind closed doors and that has never worked. Maybe the best approach was the one both the executives and councils took this year in saying, "Well let's sit down and talk about this honestly together and find out what's best for both organizations." And in so far as that was the objective we've certainly accomplished an end that satisfies both of us. We wouldn't have signed it if we weren't satisfied.

T: Yeah, that's important because, to be completely honest with you, we felt that if we didn't have an agreement that was fair to grads we weren't going to sign. Our line was, we've waited this long and we can wait another year or another two years if it means having a better agreement. That's not to say the agreement is unfair to the undergrads or to the SSMU — it is fair. And I think that's the interesting thing that's happened here. I think we were both happy with the way the end result came out.

What were you trying to achieve in negotiations?

P: We were looking for something that had flexibility and had the potential for solving this problem for the long term — and not just being a two month answer or a two week answer. The discussion has been on the campus long enough its time both our groups focus our energies on the real problems at hand. We see those coming up in our faces all the time.

T: I hope that once this is all cleared up we don't have to waste our time anymore. I think it's really important for students to be united on other issues. Not just issues in the province but issues on campus.



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P: And that's why our theme is the new entente. And that's what we're trying to stress. It's not about secession, it's not about how much money they're getting or about all the little parts of the agreement, it's about the total agreement.

You're running the Yes campaign together, right?

P: Michael and myself are co-chairs for the campaign, and the executives are helping. We're putting up posters and handing out pamphlets. Michael and I are also putting together a touring list to talk to classes so that we can both be truly active on the campaign together.

T: I think it says something about the kind of agreement that was reached because we both agreed to co-chair the committee. That's really important because it means that we both feel strongly enough about what we've done that we don't feel inhibited.

T: There's no way grads can do this alone. We need the support of the undergrads and the SSMU.

P: We need student support on this. It's not a done deal.

T: We have to assume that everything is the same until we get the final word from the students and then Senate and the Board of Governors.

P: It's just a little easier now, we're not battling each other now. We're both saying the same thing and once we get the students saying the same thing, then in my view it's just a matter of going through the procedural things.

Are you optimistic about PGSS and SSMU cooperating in the future?

T: Absolutely.

P: I think that both executives in the past, and definitely in the present, have been really diligent, and that will continue.

And if you look at the agreement there's room for growth and there's room for changes. We're aware that student politics are a dynamic thing and if good faith prevails on this agreement then there won't be problems. We're certainly both confident that it will work.

T: In other universities where grads have tried to do similar things, the split up was so antagonistic, so brutal [in unison] that whatever the undergrads do the grads will not do.

I was really worried about that because there are a lot of issues where grads and undergrads have common concerns. Like tuition fees, like research money, like the quality of T.A.-ships.

My worry was, if you don't solve this soon there will be a total breakdown on campus and you won't be able to come together on campus on the really important issues.

P: It took Queens eight years to negotiate an agreement.

T: It's a really tough issue. A lot of grads across the country discuss autonomy and in a lot of schools it's a very tough process and they can't come to an agreement. The point is, I'm glad that it wasn't bitter.

Another thing we like about the agreement is that we will have the right to decide ourselves what provincial organizations we want to join.

Where do you go from here?

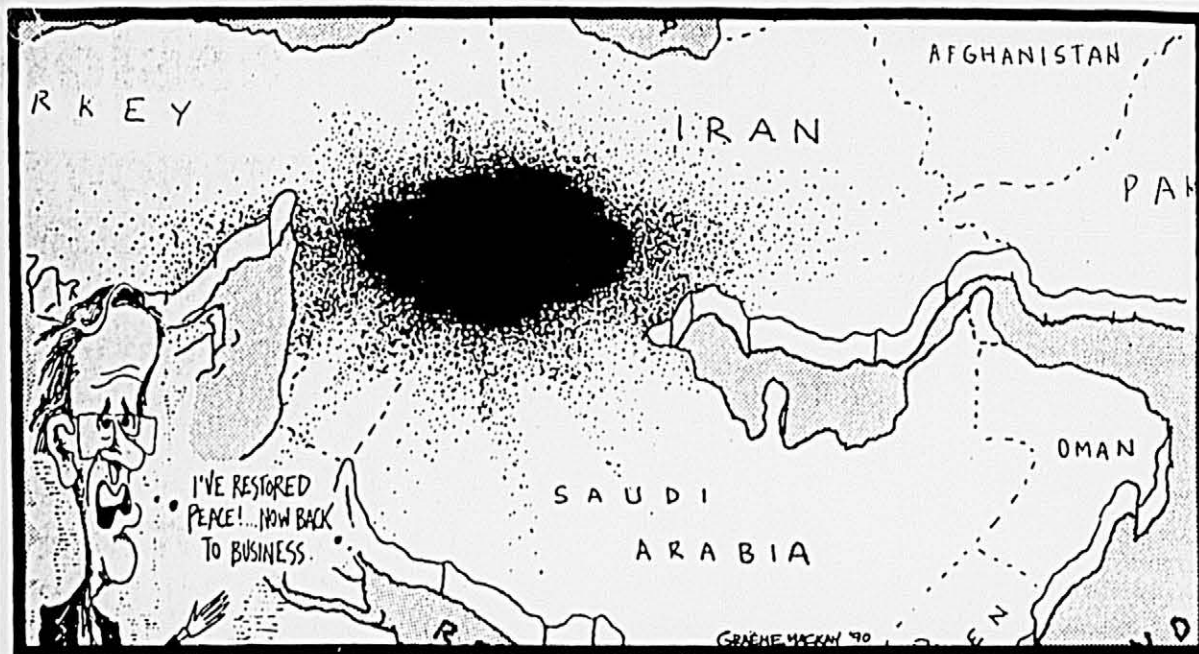
T: I think it's a fair deal for everybody and it's going to lay the foundation for a very cooperative student movement at McGill and I think that should make us all really encouraged. I want to get everyone out there to vote and get their friends to get out and vote yes.

P: I think a lot has been accomplished this year and I think it would be a shame for it all to go to naught just because people don't vote. Something has been reached here, call it historic or call it momentous, it's something the two organizations believe will serve them.

Candidates for executive positions have been invited to the PGSS council meeting to speak on the letter of agreement tonight at 19h30, Thomson House.

Major points of the PGSS-SSMU agreement:

- **Membership:** Graduate students will no longer be members of SSMU;
- **Fees:** Graduate students will now pay 45% of what other students pay to the SSMU in return for access to society groups and activities;
- **Fee Increases:** In the event of a SSMU fee increase, graduate fees will be increased proportionally, but will not exceed the Consumer Price Index;
- **SSMU elections:** Graduate students will no longer be able to run for positions on SSMU council;
- **Representation:** PGSS will be the sole representative of graduate students at McGill;
- **SSMU assets:** Graduates will not have any claim on SSMU assets — ie they may not apply for SSMU funding for a project;
- **Length of Agreement:** The agreement is contracted to run from September 1, 1991, to May 31, 2001.
- **Ratification:** The agreement must be ratified in a campus-wide referendum to be held March 12-14.



Shamir visit sparks outrage

by Alex Roslin

The Canadian government's latest attempt at foreign diplomacy is a farce, according to Arab groups in Montréal.

Canada's recently invited Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir to address a conference in Ottawa entitled 'Democracy: A Shared Commitment.'

"We have to recognize that Israel occupies land where close to two million Palestinians live. They are being forced off even that land by Jewish settlers. Israel refuses to implement U.N. resolutions, and it is killing unarmed civilians whose only crime is to demand freedom," according to McGill's Palestine Solidarity Committee president Abdul-Malik Al-Jabir.

Canada exercises a double standard in the Middle East, according to Al-Jabir. "Canada was willing to use force against Saddam Hussein to free Kuwait. Meanwhile it invites Shamir, a murderer, to tell us about democracy."

Several local Arab groups have sent letters to MPs and will hold a

number of press conferences to detail Israeli human-rights violations against Palestinians. The groups are also organizing a demonstration on Parliament Hill the day of Shamir's visit next Tuesday, March 12.

Canadians should press Ottawa to support Palestinian self-determination in its dealings with Israel, said Al-Jabir, adding that Canadians should oppose arms sales to the heavily-armed Jewish state. Last year, Canadian companies sold \$60 000 in arms to Israel.

Due to Israeli army censorship, media reports from the occupied territories are scarce these days. This is giving Israel a free hand to escalate death-squad killings and economic warfare, according to Al-Jabir.

In the last two weeks of February alone, the Israeli army killed 114 people in the Gaza Strip, says the Jerusalem-based Coordination Committee of International Non-Governmental Organizations.

"Shamir's leadership has brought nothing but the bloody illusion of 'Eretz Yisrael', a Jewish state from the Nile to the Euphra-

tes. Mutual hatred is spreading, tourism is ruined, Palestinian moderates are being arrested. Shamir has brought horror to the country," according to Janet Weinroth, of the Regroupement pour le dialogue israëlo-palestine.

Weinroth said it is ironic that Shamir will be speaking about democracy given "his well-documented resumé of extremism and terrorism."

Shamir first made a name for himself during the underground struggles to create Israel, Weinroth said. He is most famous for his leadership role in a small armed band, the 'Stern Gang', which sought Hitler's support against British forces then occupying Palestine.

Shamir is also known for his role in the Stern Gang massacres of hundreds of Arab civilians in the villages of Deir Yassin and Kibya, and the assassinations of several British officers.

Buses are being organized for the Ottawa demonstration. For information drop by a Palestine Solidarity Committee info-table Friday afternoon in the Union Building.

Anti-war activists meet in Chicago

by Fiona McCaw
and Brian Schnarch

The war in the Persian Gulf is not over yet, nor is the mobilization against it, according to the U.S. Network of Campuses Against the War.

This past weekend in Chicago, the national organization held an intense three-day conference at Loyola University. Approximately 1000 participants, representing more than 200 schools including McGill, converged on the campus.

Activists came to the windy, icy city from as far away as Montréal, Toronto, San Francisco, Texas and Great Britain to attend workshops on a range of topics relating to the Iraq-U.S. war.

According to Fernando Marshall of York University, the conference was "as vital now as it would have been during the war. It served as a focal point for the resistance movement against war, racism and imperialism."

Gary McFarland, of the British National Union of Students described the conference and the anti-war movement as being "in the belly of the beast". Expeditions from the university centre confirmed this as weary students emerged from plenary sessions to find themselves surrounded by yellow ribbons and American flags, seeking restaurants without "Desert Storm" posters.

Rashid Khalidi, of the University of Chicago, underlined that the war is not over yet. He explained that although the military phase of the campaign is complete, sanctions, poverty and environmental devastation will continue to kill people in the region.

With "most of the Iraqi infrastructure bombed and destroyed, the U.S. has ensured that Iraq will

not threaten imperial interests again," Khalidi said. He explained that not only military targets were destroyed.

"Every government building, almost every post office, all major telephone exchanges, almost every factory... bridges, electricity stations, water supplies..." have all been bombed, he said.

John Miller, from the Global Environmental Alliance for Peace in the Gulf, explained that without water or electricity, "cholera, typhoid and other infectious diseases will become rampant. This is biological warfare."

According to Barbara Ransby, of the United Coalition Against Racism, the tremendous financial burden on the American economy of such ventures can be seen in ever diminishing social services and increasing taxes. The war against Iraq is therefore closely tied to the "the war on the poor, a war on people of colour" and other minorities in the U.S.

Joel Grier, a participant in the Berkeley free speech movement during the 1960s, said that the anti-war movement was "in for a period of consolidation, education and preparing for the next round."

Grier responded to George Bush's claim that America had "kicked the Vietnam Syndrome".

"Unfortunately, it has been replaced by the Iraq Syndrome," Grier said, predicting that "a new era of U.S. intervention" has begun.

Chantal Sundaram, a participant in the conference from the McGill Troops Out Coalition, said, "If one positive thing has come out of this war, it is the crystallization in many people's minds of the blatant injustices and violence of the New World Order."

Notes from the Gulf: You read it here second

Here is the Daily's second weekly edition of hard to find facts re: the war in the Gulf. Dig in, and chew well before swallowing.

"TV seems to confuse people more than it clarifies," says a recent study from the University of Massachusetts about the gulf war. According to the survey, there is watching TV actually decreased people's knowledge about the war.

While six out of seven Americans supported the war at its height, many knew little but the most superficial facts (e.g. the name of the U.S. anti-missile missile, "the Patriot"). Less than one-third knew Israel was occupying foreign land in the Middle East, and only three per cent were aware of Syria's U.S.-backed occupation of Lebanon.

When asked how the U.S. state department had responded to the Iraqi troop buildup on the Kuwaiti border before the invasion of Kuwait, 74 per cent said the U.S. had to local reports, the new Kuwaiti government is not letting Palestinians return or claim their property. threatened to impose sanctions.

Only 13 per cent said — correctly — that the U.S. told Iraq it had no official position on the issue.

The first TV shots of the oil spill Saddam Hussein supposedly unleashed upon the Gulf were fabricated. One CNN reporter who claimed to have on-the-scene footage, recently told the French daily *Libération* that his shots were bogus. The slick had not even reached Saudi Arabia when the footage aired, as was obvious to everyone in the Gulf.

Two news-wire visuals of oil-soaked birds were also fabricated, according to bird experts. One was in fact a photo from a 1983 oil spill during the Iran-Iraq war. "These birds could not have been there, for they never descend below the Shatt al-Arab," one expert said, "and in any case never show their nuptial plumage before the spring."

Only 170 000 Palestinians remain in Kuwait out of an original population of 450 000. According to an estimated \$18 billion in assets have become legal property of Kuwaiti citizens who 'sponsored' the

Palestinians. (Kuwaiti citizenship is only granted to long-time residents, excluding women. Non-citizens must be sponsored by Kuwaiti nationals in order to assume legal ownership of property.)

Palestinians remaining in Kuwait are said to be sympathizing with Iraq. About 10 000 have been interned, many have been deported, and another 22 have been gunned down in death-squad style executions by the 'Kuwaiti resistance', mostly ex-Kuwaiti secret police agents. U.S. special forces members have been seen accompanying resistance units wearing Kuwaiti army uniforms.

At a crisis summit between top-level Jordanian and Kuwaiti officials on July 30, three days before the Iraqi invasion, Kuwaiti foreign minister Sheikh Sabeh Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah opened the meeting with sarcastic jabs at Iraqi soldiers massing at the border. "We are not going to respond to (Iraq)," he said. "If they don't like it, let them occupy our territory... We are going to bring in the Americans."

Before the invasion, Iraq sought a \$10 billion write-off in debts to Kuwait, accumulated during the Iraq-Iran war. In a July 31 meeting between Iraqi and Kuwaiti officials, Kuwait offered to write off only \$500 000 of the loans, a grave and suspicious insult given the Iraqi troop buildup on the Kuwaiti border.

According to documents released by Iraq, top-level Kuwaiti intelligence officials met CIA chief William Webster in November 1989 to plan an economic warfare campaign against Iraq.

Said a Kuwaiti memo, "We agreed with the American side that it was important to take advantage of the deteriorating economic situation in Iraq in order to put pressure on that country's Government to delineate our common border."

At the time of the meeting, according to British foreign secretary Edward Heath, Kuwait had taken advantage of the Iran-Iraq war to creep 75 kilometres into Iraq, building settlements and drilling

for oil.

"The Central Intelligence Agency gave us its view of appropriate means of pressure," the memo reported, "broad cooperation should be initiated between us, on condition that such activities are coordinated at a high level."

Every day, more than 50 children die in Baghdad alone from exposure to cold because of the lack of electricity, according to a recent report by Alfonso Rojo of the Madrid daily *El Mundo*.

Canada is one of the world's leading arms suppliers, mostly through sales of weapon parts to the U.S. According to an External Affairs report last week, 1990 sales to countries with poor human-rights records include: \$10 million to Saudi Arabia, \$490 000 to Egypt, \$12 million to South Korea, \$149 000 to Chile, \$4.4 million to Pakistan and \$64 000 to Israel.

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387 - Volunteers

Drug rehabilitation centre needs volunteers: work with youth or adults; organize group activities; individual support; lunch hour supervision. Bilingualism, flexible schedule preferred. Call Linda 931-2536.

The Daily apologizes to David Felsen for the headline which appeared on a letter printed in the Monday, March 4 issue.

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The Post Graduate Students' Society of McGill University Inc. (PGSS)

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 1991 6 pm
Thomson House

It is crucial for the continuation of PGSS that members attend the AGM. Constitutional amendments and the issue of next year's fees will be discussed following the letter of agreement between PGSS & SSMU and the forthcoming Referendum on the ending of Graduate membership in SSMU. Quorum minimum: 100 graduate students. Bring a fellow graduate student with you! Refreshments will be served.

The following amendments to the PGSS Constitution, as discussed and passed at Council on February 6th (C90-09M), will be presented, debated and shall receive final approval and consent by a two-thirds majority of the voting regular members present at the meeting and shall take effect immediately upon such approval.

1. Article 1: Section 1:

delete: "L'Association des Etudiants aux Etudes Supérieures (deuxième et troisième cycles) de L'Université McGill"

and replace with: "L'Association des étudiantes et étudiants des 2^{ième} et 3^{ième} cycles de l'Université McGill."

2. Article 6: Sections 6 & 8:

delete: "until such permission has been granted to so purchase or obligate the Society at a meeting of Council"

and replace with: "until such permission has been granted at a meeting of Council to make such a purchase or so obligate the Society."

3. Add "Article 16: Affirmative Action: Nothing in this constitution shall preclude any programme, activity or policy of the Society that has as its object the improvement of conditions of a group disadvantaged because of race, colour, national origin, religion, social status, class, language, sex, sexual orientation, or handicap and the methods used to palliate such distinction, exclusion, or preference in membership of PGSS Committees in the attempt to improve the condition of one of the aforementioned disadvantaged groups."

4. Article 10: Section 3:

Add: "d) Article 10: Section 3(c) does not preclude recognition of an organization which makes a distinction or exclusion in membership justified by its effort to improve the condition of a group disadvantaged because of race, colour, national origin, religion, social status, class, language, sex, sexual orientation or handicap and the methods used to palliate such handicaps."

5. Article 7: Section 1 & 3:

delete: "The principle" and replace with: "The principal"

6. Article 13: Section 2(a) 2):

delete: "before the meeting at which the proposal is to be debated" and replace with: "before the meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced and debated"

7. Article 15:

Add: "5) All language/terminology appearing in the Constitution, Bylaws, Corporate Bylaws and Regulations of the PGSS Inc., shall be gender-neutral language in English and gender inclusive language in French; the English version with the most recent edition of the Globe & Mail Style Guide, and for the french version, with the guidelines of la Commission de la langue française."

SPECIAL BYLAW AMENDMENT

(In view of the importance of the following amendment, which has received first reading by council and Constitutional Committee's approval, the AGM will have to decide if it wishes to ratify the second reading).

1. Bylaw 4, Part V:

delete: "The quorum for any Annual or General Meeting of the Society shall be fifty regular members of the Society"

and replace with: "The quorum for any Annual or General Meeting of the Society shall be 1% of regular members of the Society"

2. Bylaw 7, Part VIII, 15:

delete: "If any approved membership fee policy requires an increase in the Regular or Special membership fee categories, then this increase shall be subject to approval at a Society referendum, Annual or General meeting. Furthermore, any change in membership fee category, where the membership fee is collected on behalf of the Post Graduate Students' Society by McGill University, shall be subject to the approval of the McGill University Senate and the McGill Board of Governors" and replace with: "If any approved membership fee policy requires an increase in any membership fee category where the membership fee is collected on behalf of the Post Graduate Students' Society by McGill University, then such an increase will be subject to approval at a Society Referendum. Any approved membership fee policy not falling under this regulation shall be subject to approval by either a Society Referendum, or by an Annual or General Meeting of the Society."

Notice of a motion to increase PGSS membership fees was given at Council February 27th 1991 (CO-90M2).

Ratification of the French translation of the PGSS Constitution which will serve as a reference copy. The text of the french translation will be available prior the the AGM (Tel. 398-3756).

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